

St. John's Episcopal Church  
1105 Quarrier Street, SE corner of Broad & Quarrier Sts.  
Charleston  
Kanawha County  
West Virginia

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STATE West Virginia	COUNTY Kanawha	TOWN OR VICINITY Charleston
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) St. John's Episcopal Church		HABS NO. WV-215
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Same as above		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 1105 Quarrier St., SE corner of Broad & Quarrier Sts.		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1883-1888, 1928 Jefferds, History of St. John's . . .	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Isaac Pursell (1853-1910), church. Warne, Tucker, Silling & Hutchinson, parish house & offices.	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The building is a typical late-19th-century non-academic Gothic example more characteristic of non-liturgical sects than of Episcopalian churches of the period. The Philadelphia architect supplied plans & specifications for \$225 in 1883. The cornerstone was laid in '84, first service was held in uncompleted church in '88, and the church was consecrated on June 9, 1901.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Late 19th-century non-academic Gothic.		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Sandstone bearing walls support an open-truss roof structure.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Modified cruciform plan (truncated Latin cross) with corner tower entrances.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE The tall corner tower has a stair turret and is conspicuous for the stone spire and four corbelled stone spirelets that give it a rather top-heavy and ponderous appearance. The gabled roofs are extremely steep.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) The short nave and broad transepts give the interior more the appearance of a central-plan church than of a conventional cruciform church. There are modified open-truss ceilings. The principal stained-glass windows have wooden tracery.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES The parish house and offices were added in 1928, when the church was remodelled. The church underwent further renovation in 1981.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE The present condition is good. The church is used for religious services. The parish house is used for parish-related and community work.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE The Rev. James Craik, grandson of George Washington's physician and son of President Washington's secretary during his 2nd term, was Rector of the parish in 1839-1844. The present structure replaced the simple earlier church in which Craik served.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Joseph Crosby Jefferds, Jr., History of St. John's Episcopal Church, Charleston, West Virginia Telephone interviews with Joan Waggy, Church Secretary, and Richard C. Blankinship, AIA, Charleston architect, February 1981.		
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